

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 3/8/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Liz Pozzebon 781-5550	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a 10 year renewal contract with the City of San Luis Obispo to reimburse the Public Health Department, Environmental Health Services Division to provide cross connection inspection services for FY 2015-16 through FY 2025-26. Districts 3 and 5.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the 10 year renewal contract with the City of San Luis Obispo to reimburse the Public Health Department, Environmental Health Services Division to provide cross connection inspection services.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) City of San Luis Obispo	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$31,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$31,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3 District 5			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, Health Officer/Public Health Administrator

DATE: 3/8/2016

SUBJECT: Request to approve a 10 year renewal contract with the City of San Luis Obispo to reimburse the Public Health Department, Environmental Health Services Division to provide cross connection inspection services for FY 2015-16 through FY 2025-26. Districts 3 & 5

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the 10 year renewal contract with the City of San Luis Obispo to reimburse the Public Health Department, Environmental Health Services Division to provide cross connection inspection services.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of a cross connection inspection services program is to prevent drinking water from being contaminated by harmful substances that would render drinking water unsafe for human consumption. A cross connection is defined as any connection between a drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination. Water distribution systems are designed with the intention of the water flowing in a certain direction, that is, from the distribution system to the consumer. However, hydraulic conditions within the system may at times deviate from normal conditions, causing water to flow in the opposite direction. Such a condition is called "backflow," and is a common problem in public water systems. Backflow prevention devices are installed between consumer systems and the distribution system to keep contamination from entering the distribution system. These devices must be inspected and tested to assure they are effective.

California Code of Regulations Title 17, section 7584 requires that a water supplier provide a cross connection program or contract with the local health agency to provide the services. The attached contract ensures that the City of San Luis Obispo is in compliance with the current regulation. Each large public water system is required to have a certified cross connection control specialist on staff, or contract with an outside person or agency to provide such expertise. Rather than have each water purveyor provide their own certified cross connection control specialist, it is more cost effective for most purveyors to have the Environmental Health Services' Cross Connection Inspector do the work.

Environmental Health Services has provided cross connection inspection services to the County's water purveyors since the Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance No.1175 in 1971. The first fee-for-service contracts for cross connection inspection services between the County and the water purveyors were approved by the Board in 1978. The contract with the City of San Luis Obispo was updated in 2011 and expired on June

30, 2015. The attached agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2015 and the City has continued to pay for inspection services during the interim. The agreement is being submitted for Board approval after the beginning of the term due to uncertainty and subsequent review by legal staff as to whether a written contract for services was still required by the State, and due to time needed by the City of San Luis Obispo to review and obtain signatures as required by their internal contracting process.

Of note is that the Health Agency currently has a total of twenty-three (23) contracts with drinking water purveyors for providing cross connection inspection services. The remaining twenty-two (22) contracts do not require Board approval due to the dollar amount associated with each contract. The Health Agency Director was delegated authority to enter into contracts generating \$25,000 or less in annual revenue. The remaining twenty-two (22) drinking water purveyor contracts each generate less than \$25,000 annually and are being renewed under the delegated authority of the Health Agency Director.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the renewal contract as to form and legal effect. The City of San Luis Obispo has reviewed and signed the contract. The County's Risk Management Office has also reviewed the contract.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost of administering the Cross Connection Inspection Services program for all water purveyors is charged at an hourly rate. The rate includes Environmental Health Services staff, service and supply costs and overhead. The payment terms of the contract include the link to the current approved County fee schedule to ensure the rate charged is the up-to-date hourly rate approved by the Board of Supervisors annually. The FY 2015-16 approved published rate is \$102 per hour. In FY 2014-15, revenue from the City of San Luis Obispo for cross connection inspection services was \$31,370. The FY 2015-16 budget includes \$31,000 associated with the City of San Luis Obispo's attached contract. Approval of the renewal contract will not increase the level of General Fund contribution needed for the Agency.

RESULTS

Approval to renew this contract will provide continued cross connection inspection services to the City of San Luis Obispo. Continuation of the contract will also ensure that new development is properly protected against the backflow of harmful contaminants into the public water supply. Overall, this collaborative arrangement will result in continued prevention of backflow through cross connection maintenance and public health protection for the county's public water systems.

This program contributes to the Public Health Department's mission as well as the County's desired result of a healthy community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Contract with City of San Luis Obispo for Cross Connection Services